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## ST. JOE LEAD CO. SAID TO BE BUYING MINE LA MOTTE

Reports are current locally that the St. Joseph Lead Co. is buying outright the entire Mine La Motte Domain from the Sweetwater Mining Co. Mr. Rozier, attorney for the lead company, was here last week and made arrangements for a complete abstract of the domain.

The Sweetwater Mining Co. has its headquarters in Philadelphia and consists of bondholders of the old defunct Missouri Metals Corporation who organized in an effort to save something out of the wreck.

It is understood that by the terms of the contract under which the St. Joe company started mining, it had the right at any time to buy the entire domain at a stipulated price.

The wild land in the county and the farm land west of Fredericktown are not affected by the proposed deal.

## R. L. WARD WILL DELIVER H. S. COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Supt. A. B. Barber announced yesterday that R. L. Ward of Caruthersville had been secured to deliver the annual commencement address at the high school this year. The date is May 17.

Patrons of the school and friends and admirers of Mr. Ward are delighted at the news. Unquestionably Ward is one of the greatest lawyers and most eloquent speakers in the state. He always has something interesting to say and a most interesting way of saying it.

The baccalaureate preacher has not yet been selected.

## Alma Lanpher Bride Of George Banes

Miss Alma Lanpher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Lanpher, became the bride Sunday afternoon of George Banes, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Banes.

The ceremony was said at the home of the bride by Rev. Hamrick of the Baptist church, in the presence of the members of the two families.

Mr. Banes has a position at Iron-ton where he already had a home prepared and the young people will make that town their home.

Both the young people are very highly regarded here and a large circle of friends wish for them a long and happy life.

Rotary Club Elects Officers

## SEASONS DO NOT CHANGE SAYS WEATHER MAN

Records Indicate That Seasons Have Not Materially Changed Within Past Thousand Years, Despite Unusual Conditions.

The cold, disagreeable weather of the past week or two, coupled with the serious damage of fruit and other crops by the late freezes, has served to revive the notion locally that springtime weather is changing.

Director George Reeder of the United States Weather Bureau at Columbia has taken note of the rather wide-spread notion that the seasons are changing, and has prepared the following statement on the subject, which should convince us here in Madison county:

If the weather should continue for a long time in a normal state (which it never does), we would cease to take notice or endeavor to unravel its mysteries. It is the abnormal, or exceptional cases, that make nature interesting. For instance, spring weather in Missouri usually is favorable for outdoor activities. Sometimes, though, our springs, as in all other parts of the country, are wet, cold and backward. Occasionally such unfavorable springs will run in series, such as we have experienced the last several years. Then we hear that stereotyped remark: "Our climate is changing. Never in all my life have I seen such cold, wet, backward springs."

But we have. Our ancestors, back to the third and fourth generations, said the same thing. George Washington, in his carefully kept "weather notes, 1748-1799," remarked that the snows of Virginia did not at the time seem so frequent nor so heavy as the snows of his boyhood, and he thought that the climate was changing.

The truth of the matter is the springs of the present age differ in no material manner from the springs experienced by our fathers, grandfathers and great grandfathers. There have been no radical differences in the last 1000 years.

The present spring has been dry and very favorable for field work up to the general rain beginning April 5, followed by the cold snap running over the ninth. March was one of the driest and brightest of its name on record, forcing vegetation some 10 days or more ahead of the usual.

A normally cold and wet March is always much better for the farmers

## LETT BRONZE TABLET TO BE DEDICATED MAY 6TH

C. D. Matthews To Be Principal Speaker At Memorial Exercises And Dedication Of Bronze Tablet At Marquand Bridge.

Citizens of Marquand have set May 6th as the date for the dedication of the fine bronze tablet and the memorial exercises in honor of the late E. S. Lett, according to an announcement made this week by L. D. Whitener, one of the committee in charge of the event.

The exercises will begin at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and a very fine program is being arranged. Hon. C. D. Matthews of Sikeston, Chairman of the State Highway Commission, will be present and deliver the principal address of the occasion. The other numbers of the program will be interesting and appropriate and the full program will appear in this paper next week.

As is generally known, E. S. Lett, for many years a prominent business man of Marquand, advanced to the State Highway Commission the large funds necessary to build the bridge across Castor River at Marquand. The bridge has been a tremendously valuable asset to Marquand, and the public-spirited attitude of Mr. Lett has been recognized by the people of that community.

Mr. Lett died before the full benefits of the bridge could be realized, but almost immediately the Marquand people decided that something should be done as a testimonial to the public's appreciation of the man. The outgrowth of the movement was the casting of a fine bronze tablet which will be attached to the bridge, and the dedication of that tablet is the occasion of the event on Sunday, May 6.

The Marquand committee has extended a cordial invitation to all the people of this section to come and assist in this very pretty and very appropriate affair.

County Superintendent Cozean is attending the spring term at the Teachers College at Cape Girardeau. He expects to receive his degree at the end of the summer term.

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